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Transmitted herewith for filing is the 10/18/01

- patent application of  
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- divisional application of  
 prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

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## For: A FETUIN-MGP-MINERAL COMPLEX IN SERUM

- For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 09/477,505, filed on January 4, 2000, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

Enclosed are:

- 81 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)  
 21 sheet(s) of [ ] formal  informal drawing(s)  
 1 abstract  
 75 number of claims  
 an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
 a [ ] signed  unsigned Declaration  
 a Power of Attorney  
 a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application  
 Application Data Entry Sheet

- cover sheet  
 Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97  
 a petition to extend time to respond in the parent application  
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 1 extra copy of this sheet is enclosed  
 Small Entity Status is Claimed  
 Preliminary amendment

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
 Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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